



Creative Writing Contest

The English Department at Western Kentucky University is pleased to announce the 2023-2024 Creative Writing Contest. Students should visit [here](#) to complete an application and submit a piece of creative writing (pdf format) based on the prompt below. The English Department will invite finalists, their teachers, and family to campus for a reception and ceremony on April 20th where they will be recognized. The winners will receive cash prizes: First Place: \$150; Second Place: \$100; Third Place: \$50.

Application and Essays are due March 23, 2024.

Prompt: Write a poem, a piece of short fiction, or a piece of creative non-fiction that responds to the following:

“What does it mean to belong to a national family, e.g., the U.S.? What makes a group of people (e.g. nation) who are and are not biologically connected a family? What do we expect from our national family? What do you hope to contribute to your national family? That is what will be your part in your national family legacy?”